THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.23902 OF 2005

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Dt:09.11.2005

Between:

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D.Suresh Rao

… Petitioner

and

The General Manager and others

… Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner was employed as Supervisor (officiating) in the Karimnagar Telecom District, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against him on the allegation that on 13.11.1999 he entered the switch room of the telephone exchange at Malkapur and operated the maintenance panel of the board exchange equipment. It was also alleged that he meddled with the same and thereby caused loss to the company. After conducting a departmental enquiry, the second respondent passed an order, dated 27.09.2005, imposing the punishment of compulsory retirement on the petitioner. The petitioner filed an appeal before the first

respondent. His grievance is that the first respondent did not dispose of the appeal.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondents.

Even according to the petitioner, the appeal was presented as recently as on 17.10.2005. For all practical purposes, the writ petition can be said to be premature. The first respondent was not expected to dispose of the appeal soon after it was presented by the petitioner. The necessary record is required to be called for and a detailed examination is to be undertaken. Therefore, it cannot be said that there was any undue delay on the part of the first respondent in disposing of the appeal preferred by the petitioner. However, he can be required to dispose it of, within a reasonable time from now.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of directing the first respondent to pass appropriate orders on the appeal preferred by the petitioner, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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09.11.2005

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